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## NEW OFFICERS

At the last meeting of The San Antonio Radio Club, there was an election of officers. Gene Jank W5-EJT, was elected president for the coming year. Benny Cochran, W5 FZA was elected vice president. Cole Crump W5DKF, was elected secretary, and John Breitler, W5CTL was re-elected for another year as treasurer. George Loos, W5LFG, was elected Sgt at Arms. We know that these men are going to do a fine job of running the club for the coming year, so let's all give them the support they rightly deserve.

## W55C5 FIELD DAY SCORE NUMBER 4 IN COUNTRY

The amateurs of San Antonio can point with pride to the outstanding results of the gang operating W5SC/5 during the 1958 Field Day. The San Antonio Radio Club Station came in 4th highest in the nation and was only beaten by three W2 groups operating in the much more heavily populated New York City area. This years large score is the climax of several years of steadily improving results generated by great enthusiasm, improved operating efficiency, better equipment, careful planning to minimize interference between rigs, and good coordination of the affair by the Field Day Chairman, W5EJT.

The top score among the various W5SC/5 rigs was turned in by the 20 meter CW gang: W5HHO, W5F-ZA, and W5DIC. They racked up an amazing 430 contacts using a 2 element beam 42 feet high with only 30 watts input to a Johnson Ranger and a NC-240-D receiver.

Good ole 40 CW was 2nd with 326 contacts. The operating was handled by W5HHE, W5LGG, and W5LUU. The rig ran 140 watts to a 32V1, receiver was an NC-240-D and the antenna caused quite a bit of interest being a 2 element fixed parasitic beam headed NE and a doublet running N and S.

The 20 and 40 fone gangs made a tremendous improvement over last year with an identical 311 contacts each. On 20 the rig was a Ranger and the antenna was a Hi-Gain Tribander. Operating was handled by W5FND, W5RSD, and K5PVI. On 40 W5-DKF, K5GUH, and W5 OZQ used a DX100 and a dipole antenna.

W5EDZ, K5HEW, K5ATT, and W5HYX handled 15 fone and ran up a very respectable 239 contacts on a spotty band. They used a Ranger and a 3 element beam.

75 meters, the fone mans fone band, produced a well earned 151 contacts for W5KLW and assistants using one of the very popular Rangers and a dipole antenna.

Conditions on 15 CW were spotty but K5BXU and K5MJZ managed to get 116 contacts using a guess what transmitter and a 3 element beam.

A Johnson Navigator and dipole antenna gave W5DBN, W5CTL, and associates 75 contacts on 80 with poor conditions.

WFLFG and assistants had a 3 element beam up 60 feet for 10 meters but, rotten luck, the band never opened up for stateside contacts and only a few locals and several DX stations were worked. Very disappointing but they were really prepared if the band had opened.

The 6 and 2 meter stations picked

up lots of local contacts which really helped out the score. Many thanks to all the operators who sweated out these contacts.

The grand total was a tremendous 2100 contacts and a score of 16,056. Next year? Can we be number 1? With more local contacts on the lower frequency bands it could be possible.

The many members of the San Antonio Radio Club and others that pitched in and helped deserve a big hand for this good showing. Well done gang. We also appreciate the support of Radio & TV Parts Co. who loaned us many items of equipment and brought out some much needed refreshments.

## AREC PROGRAM

The local AREC program has 25 full members and 7 supporting members. Are you one of these? If not how about signing up now? We are setting up a mobile net on 29.6 Mc using BC 1335 and BC 659's. If you have either of these units and would like to come in with the group please let me know and I will help you obtain a crystal. The local CD group is also on this frequency and it will be appreciated if you check in with them whenever possible. If you desire any information on the AREC program on the local net call me any evening after 6:00 p.m. at DI 4-5545.

Ray W5EDZ
73,

## SINGLE SIDE BAND

Side Band missed the last two months due to the absentmindedness of the operator in charge, however due to numerous remarks about the doubtful intelligence of yours truly, by the wife in charge, I am trying to rectify past mistakes. Actually it is rather difficult for me to concentrate due to a condition of mild shock. This shock was brought about by hearing W5MAD and W5LFG on SSB. Welcome to the mad crowd Bob & George.

More news has been passed out concerning the 100V. It is being Subcontracted for a production of 50 per day starting the first part of October. This piece of equipment looks better each time more information is received. If anyone is interested in the specks, give me a call; I have all the available poop at this time.

There was a good showing of the SSB boys at the Waco Hamfest, some of them look almost as bad as they sound,,,Boy!!! The AM bunch all look worse than they sound tho, so we are ahead of them again. . .

73, K5GUH

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Two Hollywood children were talking as they were walking home from school one day. "I've got two little brothers and one little sister," boasted one. "How many do you have?" "I don't have any brothers or sisters," answered the second one. "But I have three papas by my first mama and four mamas by my last papa!"

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## LADIES CLUB NEWS

Baby buggies equipped with antenna were favors for the shower given by Cathy King and Jeanine Wangler for Inez Cole, W5WXT. It is assured that the little harmonic will be well dressed up on arrival.

Twelve XYL's were in attendance at the First Aid Classes given by the Red Cross. Those of you who were unable to take the course at this time, but would like to do so at some future date, contact Mr. Bill Phobes at the Red Cross. The girls report that the latest methods of Artificial Respiration are being taught; also treatment for poison, shock, etc.

For the Oct. 3rd meeting, the speaker will be Miss Jean Cauthorn of Cauthorn's Flowers. She will demonstrate Fall Flower arrangements. The Oct. 17th meeting will again feature bunco games with prizes. Hope to see you all there (Gunter Hotel 8 p.m.).

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Make your reservations early for the annual Christmas Dinner & Dance. Plans have been made to have this year's party at Shadowland on Blanco Road Saturday, December 20th. Tickets will soon be available at Modern Radio, and Radio and T.V. Parts.

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"How did you spend your week end?" asked the brunette secretary of her blonde companion.

"Fishing through the ice."

"Fishing through the ice? Whatever for?"

"Olives."

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Lady: "I was to have met my husband here two hours ago; have you seen him?"

Floorwalker: "Possibly, madam. Anything distinctive about him?"

Lady: "Yes, he would be turning purple by this time."

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## MOBILE

by W5EJT

The San Antonio Radio Club held its monthly transmitter hunt on Sept. 7th. George W5VPQ hid it about fifteen miles east of town near Martinez, Texas. To get the hunt off to a good start, W5LFG's receiver quit on him and he had to ride with W5THU. W5THU came in first and will have to hide next month. W5OZQ came in second after getting stuck on a mud road (where he didn't have any business), and killed his motor and found that he also had a dead battery. W5-DKF was third after getting his auto buried up to the door in mud and having to be pulled out with a tractor.

After the hunt was over, everyone went to Olmos park for a picnic. After arriving there they found that everyone had something to eat, but no one had any charcoal with which to cook the weiners and hamburges. Needless to say, they all had a good time.

For those who have never participated in a transmitter hunt, you don't know what you're missing. For those who don't know, the hunts are held the Sunday after the first meeting of each month, and start from Olmos Park at 1:30 p.m. The freq. is 3855-KC.

W5LMU "Bud" and W5NXV "Mo" have been mobiling around S.A. while visiting on weekends.

W5SOI "Charlie", W5FWQ "Harrold", W5CJI "Pete" have been on 75 fairly regular lately.

73's Gene

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Someone has defined the difference between a neurotic, a psychotic and a psychiatrist this way: The neurotic builds castles in the air; the psychotic lives in them; and the psychiatrist collects rent on them.

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A Japanese had his luggage misplaced by the Airline that flew him from Los Angeles to Chicago. He wrote the following letter:

"Mr. Baggageman United States of Los Angeles: I damn seldom where suitcase are. She no fly. You no more fit a baggagemaster than for crysake out loud. That all I hope. What the matter you."

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